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In re the Application of: KNOERLE, et al.

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REDUCING CLIPPING EFFECT



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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97(b), the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the following references listed on the attached PTO-1449. The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

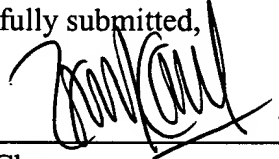
Copies of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of each document.

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